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SUBJ: NPT REVCON: BELGIAN AND ITALIAN VIEWS ON ARTICLE IV

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1. DURING COMMITTEE II DEBATE ON ARTICLE IV (REFTEL PARAS 4 AND 10) BELGIAN AND ITALIAN DELS HAVE LAID CONSIDERABLE STRESS ON THE VIEW THAT NPT ADHERENCE SHOULD GUARANTEE ACCESS, WITHOUT FURTHER RESTRICTIONS, TO THE FULL RANGE OF NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY. IN PRIVATE, BELGIAN AND ITALIAN DELS HAVE VIGOROUSLY PRESSED US DELS ON THIS QUESTION, SAYING SOME GUARANTEE OF STABLE SUPPLY OF ENRICHED URANIUM IS VERY IMPORTANT TO THEM. ITALIANS HAVE STRESSED THEIR
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DEPENDENCE ON NUCLEAR POWER. THEY HAVE ALLUDED TO HIGH-LEVEL DIS-

CUSSIONS BETWEEN US AND ITALIAN OFFICIALS OF NEED FOR COOPERATION ON ENERGY, AND IN PARTICULAR ON NUCLEAR ENERGY. BELGIAN HAS STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF ASSURANCE THAT NO ADDITIONAL "POLITICAL" CONDITIONS WILL BE ATTACHED TO SUPPLY.

2. IN MAY 22 COMMITTEE II DRAFTING SESSION ON ARTICLE IV, BELGIUM AND ITALY SUBMITTED DRAFT LANGUAGE AS FOLLOWS:

"IN ORDER TO ENSURE ITS EFFECTIVE AND FULL IMPLEMENTATION, REMINDING PARTIES OF THEIR OBLIGATIONS UNDER ARTICLE IV OF THE TREATY, THE CONFERENCE REAFFIRMS THE RIGHT OF ALL THE PARTIES TO THE TREATY, TO OBTAIN THE FULLEST POSSIBLE ACCESS AT STABLE AND EQUITABLE TERMS AND CONDITIONS TO NUCLEAR MATERIALS, EQUIPMENT, SERVICES, AND SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL INFORMATION FOR PEACEFUL USES OF NUCLEAR ENERGY, WITH THE INDISPENSABLE GUARANTEE OF SUPPLY, TAKING PARTICULARLY INTO ACCOUNT THE ROLE THAT NUCLEAR ENERGY IS EXPECTED TO PLAY IN THE PRESENT ENERGY SITUATION."

3. US RESPONDED THAT "REAFFIRMS" IS NOT APPROPRIATE FOR NEW LANGUAGE, AND THAT IN ANY CASE "STABLE" TERMS AND CONDITIONS, "WITH THE INDISPENSABLE GUARANTEE OF SUPPLY" ARE FORMULATIONS WHICH NO SUPPLIER COULD ACCEPT IN PRIVATE, IT HAS BECOME CLEAR THAT BELGIAN AND ITALIAN INTERVENTIONS ARE IN PART DUE TO CONCERN OVER RECENT EXPORT LICENSING DELAY BY US. WE HAVE GIVEN STANDARD EXPLANATION OF THE SITUATION, AND HAVE MAINTAINED THAT BELGIUM AND ITALY COULD OBTAIN ASSURANCES BILATERALLY FROM THE US MUCH MORE READILY THAN IN NPT REVCON DECLARATION. WE HAVE NOTED THAT WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO AGREE, IN REVCON DECLARATION, THAT NPT ADHERENCE IS SUFFICIENT CONDITION TO OBTAIN ALL TECHNOLOGY FROM US.

4. WE ARE STILL FACED WITH DESIRE BY BELGIUM, ROMANIA (WHICH ALSO HAS A RESOLUTION ALONG THESE LINES) AND ITALY, POSSIBLE JOINED BY IRAN AND OTHERS, TO INCLUDE SUCH LANGUAGE IN DECLARATION. IT OCCURS TO US THAT A REFERENCE TO "TERMS AND CONDITIONS" MAY BE ADVANTAGEOUS FROM OUR POINT OF VIEW, AS A QUALIFIER OF THE ARTICLE IV LANGUAGE ON THE "FULLEST POSSIBLE EXCHANGE" OF NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY. GUIDANCE ON INCLUSION OF PHRASE SUCH AS "ASSURED LONG-TERM ACCESS, ON EQUITABLE TERMS AND CONDITIONS, TO AVAILABLE SUPPLIES OF NUCLEAR MATERIAL" WOULD BE USEFUL.

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